

Please add the following new claims:

29(new). The composition of claim 10 in which the protease inhibitor is selected from the group consisting of triterpenoid-containing extracts, and active components thereof, phenolic-containing extracts and active components thereof, and protein-based extract and active components thereof.

30(new). The composition of claim 10 in which the protease inhibitor is selected from the group consisting of white birch extract, silver birch extract, *Boswellia* extract, bearberry extract, *Centella asiatica* extract, *Pygeum* (*Prunus*) *africanum* extract, betulinol, betulinic acid, boswellic acid, ursolic acid, oleanolic acid, oleanol, asiaticoside, asiatic acid, madagassic acid, green tea extract, apple extracts, EGCG, ECG, catechins, phenylpropanoids, phloretin, soy protein, egg protease inhibitors, cholesterol sulfate, phytosterol sulfate, and combinations thereof.

31(new). The composition of claim 30 in which the protease inhibitor is selected from the group consisting of white birch extract, betulinol, betulinic acid, *Boswellia* extract, boswellic acid, and combinations thereof.

32(new). The composition of claim 10 in which the cell differentiation enhancer is selected from the group consisting of forskolin, sclareolide, 7-dehydrocholesterol, and Vitamin D3 analogs.

33(new). The composition of claim 32 in which the enhancer is sclareolide.

34(new). The composition of claim 10 comprising about .001 to about 10% of a protease inhibitor and about 0.001-10% cell differentiation enhancer.

35(new). The composition of claim 10 comprising about 0.1 to about 1% of a protease inhibitor and about .05-1% cell differentiation enhancer.

36(new). The composition of claim 35 in which the inhibitor is white birch extract, betulinol, or boswellic acid and the enhancer is sclareolide.

REMARKS

Claims 1-5, 7-9 14, 16-18, 20, 21, 23, 24, 26 and 27 have been rejected under 35 USC §103 (a) as being unpatentable over DasGupta and Dijkstra for reasons of record. In brief, the Examiner has asserted that it would have been obvious to combine DasGupta and Dijkstra because both prior art references teach